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RESOLUTION ON THE "SEEDS OF CHANGE" EXHIBIT"

WHEREAS the "Seeds of Change" exhibit sponsored by the Smithsonian lnstutution has been found by reviewers and Native AMericans to have a Eurocentric, pro-Columbus slant, and is biased in its presentation of both Native American and African-American cultures and histories; and

WHEREAS the exhibit is also biased in its assumption that viewers share its distinctly slanted viewpoint; and

WHEREAS the American Library Association and public libraries are committed to providing balanced and truthful information regarding the Ounicentennial to a public which includes all races and colors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association encourage libraries hosting "Seeds of Change" to cancel this exhibit in favor of other exhibits which provide a more balanced viewpoint, and that these libraries inform the Smithsonian Institution of the reasons for their cancellations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, along with the American Library Association Resolution on the Columbus Ouincentennial, be sent to host libraries, the Secretary and the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, the library press and the Native American press.

APPROVED by SRRT Action Council 1 /23/93